



Docket No. 22750/350

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Peter PFEUFFER

Serial No.: 08/900,254

Filing Date: July 25, 1997

For: FILTER MATERIAL, METHOD OF  
ITS MANUFACTURE, AND  
APPARATUS FOR  
MANUFACTURING A FILTER  
MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: Yao, S.

Confirmation No.: 7919

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date: March 24, 2006

Reg. No. 42,674

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas C. Hughes

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In connection with the above-referenced application, Applicants file, with this Preliminary Amendment, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). In response to the Decision on Appeal dated January 25, 2006, and prior to the examination of the above-referenced RCE, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.